

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-13 (Canceled).

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A sliding valve having a sliding sleeve which is axially displaceable in a control cylinder and which controls, with control faces on its outer periphery, at least one control opening in the control cylinder, each control face (23) being radially elastically flexible in the direction of the control cylinder (13) and bearing against the control cylinder (13), wherein the sliding sleeve (12) has a cavity through which fuel is fed, and furthermore in the region of the control faces (23), has a plurality of longitudinal slots, which form between them spring tongues, on which the control faces are disposed; and wherein in a closed state of the sliding valve, the control faces bear against the control openings and close off the control openings so as to be leak-free.

Claim 15 (Canceled).

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The sliding valve as claimed in claim 14, wherein the spring tongues (25) are reinforced in the region (26) of the control faces (23).

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The sliding valve as claimed in Claim 14, wherein the control face (23) is forced against the control cylinder (13) by the pressure of a controlled medium.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The sliding valve as claimed in Claim 14, wherein it is realized in cartridge construction.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The sliding valve as claimed in Claim 14, wherein the sliding sleeve (12) is made of magnetically conductive material and its top part (27) simultaneously serves as the armature of a magnetic circuit.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The sliding valve as claimed in Claim 14, wherein the sliding sleeve (12) is guided in the control cylinder (13) in a torsionally secure manner.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The sliding valve as claimed in Claim 14, wherein the control cylinder (13) has a

conical region (28) for the threading of the sliding sleeve (12).

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The sliding valve as claimed in Claim 14, wherein it is a fuel injection valve for an internal combustion engine.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): The sliding valve as claimed in Claim 14, wherein in the control cylinder (13) there are provided at least two axially offset control openings (17, 18), having adjoining nozzle bores (19, 20).

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The sliding valve as claimed in claim 23, wherein at least two nozzle bores (19, 20) differ in relation to their position and/or shape.